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Senator Lazich Applauds Approval of Assembly Bill 388

Madison, Wis. – Today, the Wisconsin State Senate approved Assembly Bill 389 (AB 388), legislation to reorganize the Government Accountability Board (GAB). Senate President Mary Lazich (R-New Berlin) issued the following statement:

"During 2007, the State Legislature created the GAB, and after eight years, it is clear that system needs improvement. The legislature addressed the problem and corrected the issue through the approval of AB 388. The GAB was created in a vacuum that isolated judges, forcing them to rely predominately on agency staff for their information. I do not fault the judges, or Kevin Kennedy, or the staff. I fault the model."

"AB 388 creates two bipartisan commissions that provide equal representation for both parties. Equal representation will guarantee a balanced, transparent, and objective board, restoring the integrity in our election process."

Senator Lazich represents parts of Milwaukee, Waukesha, Racine, and Walworth counties.
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